

HOUSE BILL 2391

By Evans

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29  
and Title 39, relative to surveillance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) There is created a task force to study the use of drones as defined in § 37-13-609 for public and private purposes within this state, herein after referred to as the "task force". The task force shall be composed of nine (9) members as follows:

- (1) The commissioner of economic and community development or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) The commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The chair of the Tennessee aeronautics commission or the chair's designee;
- (5) The chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate;
- (6) The chair of the transportation committee of the house of representatives;
- (7) The chair of the state and local government committee of the senate;
- (8) The chair of the state government committee of the house of representatives; and
- (9) The chair of the local government committee of the house of representatives.

(b) The speakers of the house of representatives and the senate shall jointly designate a chair from the membership of the task force. The chair shall convene an initial meeting of the task force prior to August 1, 2014.

(c) The task force shall:

(1) Research drone technology and the potential benefits of the use of drones for public and private purposes;

(2) Study whether the commercial use of drones is beneficial to this state;

(3) Study the privacy and safety issues concerning the use of drones for commercial purposes;

(4) Review regulations and guidance from the federal aviation administration regarding drones;

(5) Foster the research, development and commercial use of drones and the impact of this use on attracting new businesses to this state, in consultation with the department of economic and community development;

(6) Report on applicable state laws regarding drones, including chapter 13, part 6 of this title and any federal laws, requirements, procedures and guidelines on the use of drones for commercial purposes. The report shall allow for input from federal agencies, including:

(A) The national aeronautics and space administration (NASA);

(B) The United States department of defense; and

(C) The United States department of the interior; and

(7) Provide written recommendations, together with suggested legislation, for a comprehensive state policy for drone use that protects the privacy of the citizens of this state and allows the use of drones for public and private application.

(d) The task force shall serve without compensation, and members of the task force shall not be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending such meetings, unless otherwise required by law.

(e) The task force shall complete its duties and submit its final report, including its findings and recommendations, not later than January 15, 2015, to the general assembly at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.